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# Mississippi Advisory Commission on Marine Resources

December 19, 2023



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# Employment, Contracts and Procurement Updates December 19, 2023

# Employment Updates

## New-Hires:

- Brianna Cedillo – Law Enforcement Office I (Private) – December 1, 2023 – Office of Marine Patrol
- Kyle McDonald – Law Enforcement Office I (Private) – December 1, 2023 – Office of Marine Patrol

## Promotions:

- Dennis McGrury – ENRS Team Lead – November 16, 2023 – Grand Bay NERR
- Jake Pettigrew – ENRS Team Lead – November 16, 2023 – Office of Coastal Resources Management – Coastal Preserves
- Roy Lipscomb – Law Enforcement Officer III (Sr. Master Sergeant) – December 1, 2023 – Office of Marine Patrol
- Jarred Mitchel – ENRS II – December 1, 2023 – Office of Marine Fisheries – Artificial Reef Bureau
- Aaron Smith – Law Enforcement Officer II (Corporal) – December 1, 2023 – Office of Marine Patrol
- Myrick Nicholas – Law Enforcement Officer I (Private) – December 11, 2023 – Office of Marine Patrol



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# Actions Update for December 19, 2023 Commission Meeting



# Discussed at the November 2023 meeting:

- The Commission recommended and the Director approved the following motions:
  - (1) Motion to recommend the Executive Director to establish a crab trap closure in public waters for the purpose of conducting a derelict crab trap clean-up for 10 days in 2024 with the closure area and dates to be based on stakeholder feedback.
  - (2) Motion to recommend Notice of Intent for regulatory changes to Chapter 8 of Title 22 Part 09 - Recreational Reporting Requirements regarding offshore landing permits.

- (3) Motion to recommend approval of the following State Saltwater Finfish Records:

Conventional Tackle:

1. Florida Pompano (*Trachinotus carolinus*) – 5 lbs. 0.64 oz.  
- Stefanson Smith
2. Irish Pompano (*Diapterus awartus*) – 5.9 oz.  
– Cecily O’Brien



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# Mississippi Department of Marine Resources

Agency Financial Results  
as of November 30, 2023

Key Metrics:

- State Revenue of \$4.2M
- Agency Revenue of \$19.1M
- State Net Income of \$1.4M
- Agency Net Income of \$5.3M

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES**  
**Income Statement - Fiscal Year 2024**  
**As of November 30, 2023**

	<b>Federal :</b>				
	<b>GOMESA</b>				
	<b>PHII:</b>				
	<b>NFWF:</b>	<b>Operating</b>			
	<b>State</b>	<b>Non-Federal:</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>Tidelands</b>	
				<b>Total DMR</b>	
<b>Revenue:</b>					
Off-road Fuel Tax	3,050,000	-	3,050,000	-	3,050,000
Federal/NonFederal Grants	21,130	1,632,330	1,653,460	-	1,653,460
Sales Revenue	706,774	-	706,774	-	706,774
Indirect Cost Recovery	328,299	-	328,299	-	328,299
Other Revenue	147,806	1,553,346	1,701,152	11,753,265	13,454,417
<b>Current Budget Year Revenue:</b>	<b>4,254,008</b>	<b>3,185,676</b>	<b>7,439,684</b>	<b>11,753,265</b>	<b>19,192,949</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
Salaries, Wages, Fringe	2,402,904	1,475,349	3,878,253	443,201	4,321,454
Travel	20,037	20,272	40,308	13,912	54,221
Contractual Services	178,088	549,597	727,685	282,821	1,010,506
Commodities	116,336	1,775,753	1,892,089	80,187	1,972,276
Other than Equipment	-	4,850	4,850	-	4,850
Equipment	115,739	41,633	157,372	70,350	227,722
Subsidies, Loans, and Grants	694	4,071,566	4,072,260	2,222,312	6,294,572
<b>Current Budget Year Expenditures:</b>	<b>2,833,798</b>	<b>7,939,019</b>	<b>10,772,817</b>	<b>3,112,784</b>	<b>13,885,601</b>
<b>Current Budget Year Net Income/(Loss):</b>	<b>\$ 1,420,209</b>	<b>\$ (4,753,343)</b>	<b>\$ (3,333,133)</b>	<b>\$ 8,640,481</b>	<b>\$ 5,307,348</b>



# Financial Budget Comparison

- After five months of Fiscal Year 2024:

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES**  
**2024 Budget Comparison**  
**As of November 30, 2023**

	<i>Actual Year to Date Expenditures</i>			<i>Budget Year Totals</i>			<i>Percent Remaining</i>		
	<b>Operating</b>	<b>Tidelands</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Operating</b>	<b>Tidelands</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Operating</b>	<b>Tidelands</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>									
Salaries, Wages, Fringe	\$ 3,878,253	\$ 443,201	\$ 4,321,454	\$ 15,093,165	\$ 1,304,662	\$ 16,397,827	74.3%	66.0%	73.6%
Travel	40,308	13,912	54,221	213,093	30,000	243,093	81.1%	53.6%	77.7%
Contractual Services	727,685	282,821	1,010,506	13,643,311	1,651,000	15,294,311	94.7%	82.9%	93.4%
Commodities	1,892,089	80,187	1,972,276	3,923,349	360,000	4,283,349	51.8%	77.7%	54.0%
Other than Equipment	4,850	-	4,850	100,000	20,000	120,000	95.2%	100.0%	96.0%
Equipment	157,372	70,350	227,722	988,317	280,000	1,268,317	84.1%	74.9%	82.0%
Vehicles	-	-	-	-	150,000	150,000	-	100.0%	100.0%
Wireless Devices	-	-	-	6,250	-	6,250	100.0%	-	100.0%
Subsidies, Loans, and Grants	4,072,260	2,222,312	6,294,572	165,690,342	8,659,585	174,349,927	97.5%	74.3%	96.4%
<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$ 10,772,817</b>	<b>\$ 3,112,784</b>	<b>\$ 13,885,601</b>	<b>\$ 199,657,827</b>	<b>\$ 12,455,247</b>	<b>\$ 212,113,074</b>	<b>94.6%</b>	<b>75.0%</b>	<b>93.5%</b>

- Operating Funds have 94.6% of Budget remaining
- Tidelands Trust Fund has 75.0% of Budget remaining



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# Final Adoption of Title 22 Part 9 – Creation of an Offshore Landing Permit

Trevor Moncrief  
December 19, 2023

# Notice of Intent

On November 21, 2023, the Commission recommended to the Executive Director that staff move forward with a Recreational Offshore Landing Permit and to send appropriate changes in Title 22 Part 9 to the Secretary of State's Office for Notice of Intent.

Executive Director approved the recommendation, and the proposed regulation was filed with the SOS's office on November 21, 2023.



# Title 22 Part 9 Chapter 8 Recreational Reporting Requirements

**Rule 8.4 Recreational Offshore Landing Permit.** Any person, except those persons currently exempt from purchasing a recreational fishing license, possessing any one of the below fish species or species groups on board a vessel taken from within or outside of Mississippi territorial waters shall be required to have obtained and have in their immediate possession a recreational offshore landing permit. Any person on a trip aboard a charter vessel, who pays a fee for that trip, is not required to have this permit, but the permit is required for owner of the licensed charter vessel. Permits may be obtained at no cost from the Department, or authorized method, by persons who hold any valid license authorizing the taking and possessing of saltwater species of fish. Permits shall be valid for the duration of the calendar year in which they were purchased, regardless of the duration of the valid recreational fishing license. Required species are as listed:

A. Reef fish species:

1. any species of snapper, excluding Mangrove Snapper harvested within a line formed by the Intercoastal Waterway;
2. Any species of amberjack;
3. Any species of grouper or hind;
4. Gray triggerfish;

B. Coastal pelagics:

1. Cobia



# Publication of Proposed Regulation

- Notice of the proposed regulation was published in the Sun Herald on November 24, 2023
- Notice of the proposed regulation was also posted on the MDMR website on November 21, 2023

Mississippi Secretary of State  
SOS APA Form 001

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES NOTICE FILING**

AGENCY NAME Mississippi Department of Marine Resources	CONTACT PERSON T.J. Moran	TELEPHONE NUMBER (228) 523-4184
ADDRESS 1141 Bayview Ave.	CITY Biloxi	STATE MS
ZIP 39530	SUBMIT DATE: 11/21/2023	
Name or number of rule(s): Title 22 Part 9		

Short explanation of rule/amendment/pepeal and reason(s) for proposing rule/amendment/pepeal: MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES PART 9 Confidentiality of Statistical Data, addition of language pertaining to offshore permit establishment. Specific legal authority authorizing the promulgation of rule: Mississippi Code Ann. § 49-15-15, APA, § 25-43-1.101 et seq.

List all rules repealed, amended, or suspended by the proposed rule: Title 22, Part 9. (see above summary description; complete description attached)

**ORAL PROCEEDING:**  
 An oral proceeding is scheduled for this rule on Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Presently, an oral proceeding is not scheduled on this rule.

If an oral proceeding is not scheduled, an oral proceeding must be held if a written request for an oral proceeding is submitted by a political subdivision, an agency or ten (10) or more persons. The written request should be submitted to the agency contact person at the above address within twenty (20) days after the filing of this notice of proposed rule adoption and should include the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the person(s) making the request; and, if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the party or parties you represent. At any time within the twenty-five (25) day public comment period, written submissions including arguments, data, and views on the proposed rule/amendment/pepeal may be submitted to the filing agency.

**ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:**  
 Economic impact statement not required for this rule.  Concise summary of economic impact statement attached.

TEMPORARY RULES	PROPOSED ACTION ON RULES	FINAL ACTION ON RULES
<input type="checkbox"/> Original filing <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal of effectiveness To be in effect in _____ days Effective date: <input type="checkbox"/> Immediately upon filing <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____	Action proposed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New rule(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment to existing rule(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Repeal of existing rule(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption by reference Proposed final effective date: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30 days after filing <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____	Date Proposed Rule Filed: Action taken: <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted with no changes in text <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted with changes <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted by reference <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn <input type="checkbox"/> Repeal adopted as proposed Effective date: <input type="checkbox"/> 30 days after filing <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____

Printed name and Title of person authorized to file rules: Joe Spraggins Executive Director  
Signature of person authorized to file rules: *Joe Spraggins*

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The entire text of the Proposed Rule including the text of any rule being amended or changed is attached.

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## Title 22 Part 9 – Proposed Changes

Public Notices / November 21, 2023

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (MDMR) does hereby give public notice that on November 21, 2023, at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Mississippi Advisory Commission on Marine Resources (MACMR), the Commission recommended approval of and the Executive Director approved a Notice of Intent to update, modify and change below listed sections of Title 22 Part 9 Confidentiality of Statistical Data, addition of language pertaining to offshore permit establishment. Said Notice of Intent was filed with the Mississippi Secretary of State's office on November 21, 2023. A complete copy of Title 22 Part 9 and the proposed changes are available at [www.dmr.ms.gov](http://www.dmr.ms.gov). Public comments on the proposed regulation changes will be accepted through Monday December 18, 2023. All comments should be mailed to the MDMR, Attn: Trevor Moncrief, 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, MS 39530 or emailed to: Trevor Moncrief at [publiccomments@dmr.ms.gov](mailto:publiccomments@dmr.ms.gov) and delivered by 3:00 PM on December 18, 2023.

Short explanation of rule/amendment/pepeal and reason(s) for proposing rule/amendment/pepeal:

TITLE 22 – MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES PART 9 Confidentiality of Statistical Data, addition of language pertaining to offshore permit establishment. Specific legal authority authorizing the promulgation of rule: Mississippi Code Ann. § 49-15-15, APA, § 25-43-1.101 et seq.

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COUNTY OF HARRISON  
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*Stefani Beard*  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th day of November in the year of 2023  
*Stephanie Hatcher*  
Notary Public  
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STEPHANIE HATCHER  
My Notary ID # 135534406  
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# Public Comments

- No public comments were received to date.



The seal of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is a circular emblem. It features a central illustration of a fish, likely a bluefish, swimming in the water. The fish is positioned horizontally, facing right. The water is depicted with wavy lines. Above the fish, there are stylized waves and a small plant or reed. The entire scene is enclosed within a circular border. The word "MISSISSIPPI" is written in an arc across the top of the border, and "DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES" is written in an arc across the bottom. Two five-pointed stars are placed on the left and right sides of the border, separating the top and bottom text.

Questions?

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